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LOK SABHA

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WORKS UNDERTAKEN BY NTPC AT KAHALGAON
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporationspends a fixed amount on developmental and welfare activities within a circumference of 10 km;

(b) if so, whether a number of works undertaken by National Thermal Power Corporation at Kahalgaon are stilllying pending and the fund for development has not been completely utilised; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government for speedy completion of developmental works in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) hasno policy to undertake development work and welfare activities within the circumference of 10 kms and to spend a fixed amount on it. NTPC has, however, adopted a Resettlement and Rehabilitation(R&R) policy approved by the Government under which it undertakes various community development works such as construction of village road, community hall, Panchayat Bhavan, primaryschool, well and hand pumps, drains etc., in the affected villages/mauza for the benefit of the land oustees. These community development works are decided in Village Development Advisory Committee (VDAC) meetings where elected representatives of land oustees participate. Where VDACis not in existence, the community development works are decided in joint discussion with land oustees of the affected village.

(b) & (c) : All the community development works as already undertaken by NTPCat Kahalgaon are under progress as per schedule. However, some works could not be taken up as villagers/land oustees of the affected village are yet to make the land available for construction purpose. The fund allocated for such purposes is being utilised fully. An expenditure of Rs. 462.82 lakhs had been incurred till March, 1999 on community development works in and around affected villages. During 1999-2000, against an approved outlay of Rs. 84 lakhs for community development and welfare activities, an expenditure of about Rs. 130 lakhs has been incurred.